

AN ACCOUNT of
Major General KIRK'S

Safe ARRIVAL at

LONDON-DERRY:

With Allowance, June the 21st, 1689.

AS there is nothing more desirous than to hear the Glad-Tidings of the safe Arrival of Maj. Gen. Kirk, Sir George St. George's Regiments, at *London-Derry*; So we are now assured, that to the Inexpressible Joy of Colonel Walker their Governour, and all the Protestants in Garison: They came with their Ships being 24 Merchant-men, and 3 of His Majesty's Men of War, the 13th Instant.

Upon his Arrival at the Mouth of the River, he found it Block'd up, there being a Battery Planted on each side of it, which run in a pretty way into the River; and the middle of it was filled up with great Boats that were sunk in it, and a Bome across, and other such things, so that it was not possible for any Ship to get over. The Major General finding things in this case, was resolved to make his Entry, and first, he plaid Briskly with his great Guns from the Frigats upon the two Forts, as likewise with small Shot; and the Forts being not so high as they ought to have been, he had the Advantage of them, and Dismounted all their Cannon, which he took, though his Frigats are much shattered; after he had Dismounted their Cannon, he sent off several Boats, with Hooks, and such Instruments as they use to Heave up their Anchors with, and they at last made so much way, as for one Ship to go safely over, and so they all followed one after another, and Arrived safely at *London-Derry*, to the Unspeakable Joy of those poor Distressed People, who by the help of God, will now be able to hold out till such time as His Majesties Army Arrives, which will be very speedily. The Major General lost in this Expedition about Three Hundred Men, and 'tis not doubted but double the Number is Killed of the Enemy.

He carried with him, Provision, Powder and Ammunition for their Relief, viz. 500 barrels of powder, 6000 Arms and Provision for Ten Thousand Men for three Months, all which was taken from on Board, and repositied in particular Store-houses, and some of it delivered out to the Garison, and a Distribution made of Ten thousand *l.* which the King sent as a Donative to the Garison, but a particular Reward to Coll-Walker, and the rest of those Noble Chistains that have so bravely Signalized their Valour against the Enemies, and who without all doubt will no less behave themselves for the future, they having Couragiously resolved upon the next Effort the Enemy shall make upon them to march out and give them Battle, and enlarging their Quarters into the Country; being assured from *England*, that Duke Schomburgh is speedily to their Assistance, with a Gallant Army of 25 or 30000 Men, with a proportionable Train of Artillery; and 'tis not in the least to be doubted but that his Grace will soon Reduce those Rebellious and Stubborn Papists supported by the Assistance of the French King, who we doubt not also suddenly to see Reduced by the Confederate German, and Belgick Forces as low as the Pyrenean Treaty: And there being now a conjunction of the English and Dutch Fleets, who will be undoubtedly Master of these Narrow-Seas; Some great Enterprize perhaps of making a descent in *France* it self will be attempted, there being divers Regiments of Infantry on Board the Dutch Fleet, for what Service shall be judged most requisite: And the great News being brought us, that the Affair of *Holsteine* being compromised, His Danish Majesty restoring that Duke to his Country, and quitting all his Engagements to *France*. His Majesty of *Sweden*, is sending 10000 of his Forces to King William's Service, with some of his Ships of War: Which as it will be a great Reinforcement, so 'tis not to be questioned, that if it be thought fit to Employ them in *Ireland*. We shall soon hear that they will possess themselves of their Metropolis *Dublin*, notwithstanding the boasted Army of the French and Irish.

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